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FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW

TO USIA WASHDC

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AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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AMCONSUL KRAKOW

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VIENNA FOR RPO

USIA FOR IEE

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SUBJECT: V-J DAY WINDOW DISPLAY

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1. WE ENDORSE AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST'S POSITIVE EVALUATION
OF THE RPO DISPLAY ON VE DAY AND RECOMEND A SIMILAR
EXHIBIT FOR THE V/J DAY PERIOD. WE HAVE HAD
SEVERAL INFORMAL REACTIONS FROM POLISH STREET
OBSERVERS, WHO SPECIFICALLY HAVE WELCOMED THE PRE-
VIOUSLY UNKNOWN STATISTICS ON THE EXTENT OF THE AMERICAN
WARTIME AID TO THE USSR.

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2. WE DO NOT SHARE IEE RESERVATIONS ABOUT A V-J DAY
DISPLAY. WE BELIEVE THERE IS NEARLY AS GREAT AN
IMPERATIVE TO DESCRIBE THE HEAVY AMERICAN BURDEN
CARRIED BY THE U.S. OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN THEATER, AND
LONG AFTER PEACE RETURNED TO EUROPE. WE EXPECT AT
LEAST SOME LOCAL MEDIA PLAY IN THE COMING MONTHS FOR THE
SUPPOSEDLY "DECISIVE" ROLE THE SOVIET ENTRY DURING THE
CLOSING DAYS OF THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN. THE ATOMIC-
BOMB ISSUE SHOULD BE IGNORED IN FAVOR OF
ACCENTING THE VAST ENGAGEMENT OF AMERICAN FORCES FROM
THE ALEUTIANS TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND BURMA. A LARGE
MAP MIGHT BE USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE SWEEP-
ING MARCH OF AMERICAN COMBAT UNITS ACROSS THE ISLANDS
OF THE PACIFIC. THE ROLE OF OTHER ALLIED FORCES
(BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA, THE PHILIPPINES) WHICH FOUGHT
WITH US THROUGHOUT WORLD WAR II IN ASIA ALSO SHOULD
BE SPOTLIGHTED. THE CONSTRUCTIVE AMERICAN OCCUPATION
IN JAPAN, IN BOTH ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
DIMENSIONS, MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IN SUCH A DISPLAY
DAVIES

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